

THE DEMOCRAT

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CURRENT COMMENT.

The medical journals are beginning to take an interest in the improvement of country roads.

The constitution of Louisiana permits women to hold any office connected with public education.

The number of juvenile criminals convicted in England in 1891 was less than half the number convicted in 1871.

Col. LYMAN GRINNIP, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, was crushed to death in an elevator in Chicago recently.

The shipment of fruit from California to London was sold there at auction the other day, bringing comparatively low prices.

KING MALIBETOA has been given \$2,300 as his share of the proceeds from the sale of the vessels wrecked at the Samoan Islands.

About 8,000,000 cubic yards of earth were used this year on the levees of the lower Mississippi district. It cost nearly twelve cents a yard.

The mace of the house of representatives consists of a bundle of thirteen ebony rods entwined and bound together with silver bands.

At Messina, Siena and three other Italian university towns the number of students is so small that there is a professor to every four pupils.

A bill posting machine, which sticks bills on walls even as high as fifty feet without the aid of a ladder or paste pot, is doing successful work in Paris.

The minority report of the house committee of investigation of Yellowstone park leases defends Russell Harrison of course and attacks Charles Gibson, of St. Louis.

All railroads are now enforcing the forty-eight hour law on grain in and nearly all on grain out. It is admitted that any relaxation from this rule will at once create a most serious blockade.

STREET car parties are the fashion at Burlington, Ia. The hostess hires a special car in which she and her guests make a tour of the line, and after the ride the party is served refreshments at the hostess's home.

A monument to the fifteen seamen of the cruiser Boston killed by the powder explosion at the Mare Island navy yard June 13, was unveiled recently at the naval cemetery, Mare Island. Lieut. Lucien Young, of the cruiser Boston, delivered the oration.

MAINE has supplied a good part of the world with timber of one kind and another. The state has within her borders timber of many kinds and can meet the demand whether there is a call for the useful, the ornamental or the sentimental. It is said Maine supplies most of the Christmas trees used in New York city and exports many to South America.

FREDERICK WARD was playing Damon in Utica, N. Y. His first entrance is from the scene of the chamber, after the "reception" applause had subsided. Damon spoke his first lines, beginning: "And now there is no public virtue left in Syracuse." Whereupon a voice in the gallery broke in upon the stern old patriot with the remark: "No, begorra, nor in Utiá, nyther."

The judiciary committee of the house instructed the sub-committee investigating the Homestead strike to continue its inquiry during the recess and report at the next session of congress. Chairman Oates of the sub-committee was prepared to report, but the majority of his sub-committee declined to adopt his report as containing "too much dynamite," one member said.

The \$10,000 prize offered for the best dramatization of "Black Beauty" has not been awarded. Nine plays were examined and refused. One play not submitted in the contest has been considered worthy of a trial and will be brought out in the fall. "John Oliver Hobbes," whose last contribution to the Unknown Library, "The Sinner's Comedy," has attracted attention, is a young American woman living in London and her real name is Mrs. Craig.

MME. CARNOT, wife of the president of France, is the antithesis in physical and mental attractiveness of the preceding mistress of the Elysee, Mme. Grevy. For whereas the latter was a plain and practical old lady, devoid of the graces which the French demand of women in official station, Mme. Carnot is as charming as she is clever. She is also one of the best dressed women in Paris, and, though she is deaf and wears eyeglasses, she fascinates.

The biggest diamonds in Saratoga do not belong to any of the women who are stopping at the big hotels. They are the property of the stout woman who has a cottage on the streets leading up from Congress hall. And she wears her gems day and night. She has them on when the sun is shining brightly, and later when the sun has gone down and the stars have come out. Wherever she goes there goeth also the flash and the sparkle of the big gems.

The radical departure in regard to the Abrahamite rite made by the recent central conference of Hebrew rabbis in New York city declaring the acceptance of the rite by proselytes to be optional has aroused widespread discussion and a movement is already on foot to express the sentiments of the conservatives in opposition to the "reform." There are those who predict that the outcome of the action on both sides will be to divide Judaism into two sects.

Several weeks ago religious circles at Little Rock, Ark., were treated to a genuine sensation when the announcement went forth that Rev. Wade Preston, a prominent Methodist divine, had renounced Methodism and embraced the Baptist faith. He was baptized publicly before a very large congregation, by Rev. A. B. Miller, of the Second Baptist church, that city. A day or two ago Mr. Preston announced that he had changed his mind, and expressed a desire to be again numbered among the Methodists. He was accordingly received back into the faith.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned By Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

THERE was an increase of \$1,167,819 in the public debt during the month of July.

The democratic caucus decided to have no vote on the world's fair appropriation until December.

CRESO is now in charge of the executive of Venezuela.

GABRIEL RANVILLE, the venerable chief of the Sisseton and Wahpeton tribes, the best known of the Indians of the northwest, died at his house at the Sisseton (S. D.) agency.

GEN. S. F. FRY, superintendent of the Kentucky soldiers' home, died recently in his 78th year. He served in the Mexican war and in the civil war on the union side. He became famous as the man who killed the confederate brigadier general Zollicoffer in single combat at the battle of Mill Springs.

RICHARD TEN BROECK, the famous horseman who was over 80 years of age and who had been a confirmed invalid from gout for several years, died at San Mateo, Cal. He bred the famous thoroughbred, Ten Broeck, which was named after him.

RETURNS from various parts of Alabama show that the straight democratic ticket headed by Thomas G. Jones was overwhelmingly elected.

The death of Mrs. C. H. B. Lang, the authoress, is announced.

The Massachusetts socialist labor party has nominated a full ticket.

POLITICAL ambition is alleged by certain persons to be the mainspring of Federal Attorney Ady's warfare against railroads.

UXTON, BILLY, Finch, one of the oldest members of the Chickasaw nation, is lying at the point of death at the Durant station, I. T. Out of a family of several boys he is the only one living, the others having been killed in feuds in the territory.

EX-GOV. ST. JOHN spoke recently at the Lithia Springs encampment at Shelbyville, Ill., in behalf of prohibition and Hildwell.

A decision of the British privy council upholds the constitutionality of the Manitoba act abolishing religious separate schools. Quebec Catholics are considerably excited.

EMERSON WILLIAMS took great interest in the yacht race at Cowes, his vessel, the Meteor (formerly the Thistle) defeated America by the Volunteer.

being in the race. It was first over the line, but lost on time allowances, the Corsair being declared winner.

Mrs. POLK, a democrat, has been nominated Lawler for governor against Knute Nelson, the republican nominee. The school question will come to the front as Lawler is a Catholic and a school plank was adopted.

The infant son of H. C. Frick died at Pittsburgh, Pa., recently. It was named after Dana, of the New York Sun.

COUNT ITO will form a new Japanese cabinet.

HEER HEERFURTH, Prussian minister of the interior, will probably resign, owing to a quarrel with Dr. Miquel, minister of finance.

The new British parliament assembled on the 4th. Speaker Peel was re-elected.

Mrs. ERNESTINE ROSE, well known as a woman's right advocate, especially in America, died at Brighton, England.

News from the back counties of Alabama put a different complexion on the election. Though it was likely that Jones, straight democrat, was elected governor, it would not be by very much over Kolb, the people's party candidate.

LORD SALISBURY, in view of the present political situation, declines to legislate in favor of a distress loan of £750,000 for Newfoundland, but promises to support the measure if it is introduced in parliament.

The democratic national campaign committee was organized by the election of Don Dickinson as chairman and the addition of ex-Secretary Whitney to the committee.

The republicans of Nebraska nominated Lorenzo Crouse for governor. The balance of the ticket is as follows: Lieutenant-governor, Rev. J. G. Tate, of Grand Island; auditor, Eugene Moore; attorney-general, G. H. Hastings; superintendent of public instruction, A. K. Groudy; commissioner of public lands and buildings, A. R. Humphrey.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The steamship Portia was run into by the schooner Fair Wind in the New York sound. The Portia had a hole stove in, but managed to reach port.

MR. SAMUEL MAST, a farmer living near South Bend, Ind., was killed recently by his stallion.

A PENNSYLVANIA judge rebuked the Reading Railway Co. for discharging its employees.

CAL WOODS, a murderer, was electrocuted at Dannemora prison, N. Y., on the 2d.

STREETER was arrested for assault and battery on Private Iams. He gave bail of \$1,000 to appear in September.

The Roman Catholic Total Abstinence union has been in session at Indianapolis, Ind.

There are signs already of a grain blockade on the railroads.

In answer to the United States investigation of the "sugar trust," the defendants claim that they entered into no combination whatever.

The secretary of the treasury postponed the announcement of bids for the construction of the public building at Wilmington, Del., in order that the bidders might have an opportunity to modify their proposals in accordance with the new labor law.

GEORGE F. TAYLOR, of the Manhattan Athletic club of New York, who made a mile on foot in 17:15, lowering the world's record of Willie Windle at 2:15, made another wonderful ride, cutting the record down to 2:11. The start was from a standstill.

PRIVATE ADVICES say that the suspension of Rev. Father Kuhlman, of Alto, Ill., from the priesthood by the Roman Catholic authorities at Rome, to whom Father Kuhlman appealed.

A ST. PETERSBURG correspondent states that 50,000 persons died of cholera in Russia within a month.

AMALGAMATED association attorneys have been furnished with information against the Homestead managers and the Pinkertons for murder.

The Iron Mountain railroad management has refused to accept the resignation of Eikens, non-union foreman at Little Rock, Ark., and the union men are out.

The President has vetoed the senate bill amending the act of March 3, 1887, conferring on the court of claims jurisdiction in contested land patent cases.

A GIANTIC WALL PAPER COMBINATION

has been effected at New York. A TELEGRAPHIC dispatch has been received at Panama that the directors have signed a contract for a space of 100,000,000 square feet of wall paper, headed by the vice president of the chamber of commerce to conclude the work on the canal.

PETER BIENNAT, aged 70, died at New York from a clubbing given him by Policeman Lyman. An autopsy showed four ribs on his right side broken and five ribs on his left. The small bones of his right hand had been crushed and his chest and arms covered with bruises.

The Cooley gang of outlaws have committed further excesses near Uniontown, Pa.

The failure of the gunboat Benington to reach Pales prevented the United States from being officially represented with a vessel at the Columbian celebrations.

THREE young women, Nellie Zollinger, Blanche Simmons and Grace Maxwell, went bathing in the Mississippi river at Port Byron, near Davenport, Ia. The first two got beyond their depth and sank. Miss Maxwell lost her life trying to save them.

Two masked train robbers held up a passenger train at Collis Cal. The express car door was blown open with dynamite and the messenger wounded. The robbers got between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

PETER VIANT, who was left with two others on St. Matthew's island, Behring sea, has been rescued. The fate of his two companions is unknown.

ORDERS have been issued again to clear the Cherokee strip of cattle. Many thousands found to be grazing in defiance of executive orders.

The steamer Remora burned at St. Ignace, Mich. Loss, \$12,000.

ARCHBISHOP CORRIGAN, of New York, has been unofficially rebuked by the Vatican in connection with the Faribault and Stillwater schools controversy.

The National oil mills were burned at Paris, Tex. Loss \$250,000.

MUCH excitement was caused at Ocean Grove, N. J. by a discussion over masonry at the association meeting. The brethren almost came to blows.

FRANK CLARK, of Columbus, Ind., a railroad brakeman on the Big Four, was killed near Pekin, Ill., and Tom Storey of the same place was drowned at Warsaw, Ky.

At Lothar, Montgomery county, Ga., Winnie Davis threw the contents of a bottle of vitriol in Daisy Johnson's face. Jealousy led to the act. Miss Johnson may lose her sight.

A FREEBIE-MINDED boy named Olsen wrecked a train at Bloomington, Ill., by throwing the switch.

SINGLE cases of glanders are reported in five counties of Illinois.

THERE is a general belief in Philadelphia that William R. Robbins, attorney and conveyancer and late accounting warden of St. Mark's church, is a fugitive, and it is alleged that the total sum of discrepancies in which he is involved will reach \$150,000.

A SNOCK of earthquake was felt at Burlington, 27 miles west of Racine, Wis.

The great stallion Sultan died recently at Cynthia, Ky.

The whisky trust won another victory at Cincinnati, which practically ends the prosecution of the government on the indictments found in Boston against the trust officials.

The Schulenburg lumber mill, Stillwater, Minn., has burned. Loss, \$125,000; insurance, \$65,000.

ONE man was killed and four others badly injured by the collapse of an old iron bridge near Attie, Ind.

DISPATCHES from Zumbrota, Red Wing and other points in Minnesota report a destructive storm. A hail storm several miles wide laid waste the uncult grain and did great damage wherever it struck.

THERE was a wreck on the Lake Shore, near Erie, Pa. Several passengers were injured. An engineer and a fireman were killed. Stones, bricks and other missiles flew thick and before the police reserves arrived, twenty persons had been severely injured. The police for some time could make no impression on the crowd. When the combatants were finally separated they quickly dispersed and no arrests were made.

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KANSAS STATE NEWS.

Jim Mitchell fatally stabbed Bob Jennings in a gambling house at Atchison the other night. Both are colored.

Kansas City, Kan., is figuring on securing the location of the new Methodist Protestant university which the church in the west proposes to build.

Dr. F. T. Ingalls, a brother of ex-Senator Ingalls, and president of Drury college at Springfield, Mo., died in that city on August 5 after a brief illness.

Mrs. Groves, wife of W. H. Groves, a well known farmer living near Effingham, took a dose of strychnine the other night and died before the arrival of a physician. When asked why she took the poison she said she did not want to be talked about.

Col. N. A. English, one of the original settlers of Wichita, died suddenly the other morning of congestion of the stomach. He was out driving the day before apparently all right. He came from Leavenworth in 1859 and Wichita is now built all over the land he cleared upon.

David and George W. Martin, father and mother of Mary W. Martin, of the Kansas City, Kan., Gazette, died recently at their farm near Leecompton, within a few hours of each other. Mr. Martin was 78 and his wife 72 years old. They died on the farm Mr. Martin pre-empted thirty-seven years ago.

The body of the young man found hanging at the Fort Leavenworth military reservation, near Atchison, Mo., was later identified as that of Solomon Bernstein, of Atchison. He was lately confined in the Topeka insane asylum, from which place he escaped. Bernstein was from one of the best Hebrew families of Atchison.

The body of a young man about 25 years old was found hanging from a limb in a bunch of trees on the Fort Leavenworth military reservation the other day. The surroundings indicated that he committed suicide. The only articles found on his person were chloroform and a memorandum which failed to disclose his identity.

Attorney-General Ives has written another letter, in which he says that the interpretation put on his recent opinion relative to the state inspection law is entirely erroneous and that inspectors from the state of Missouri or any place who attempt to inspect grain on Kansas soil without qualifying under the Kansas law should be promptly dealt with.

Secretary Mohler said recently that the fact as he could judge it present time the probability is the corn crop will be the largest ever produced in Kansas. Additional reports from the wheat harvest indicate that the secretary's estimate of thirty days ago will fall below the actual product at least 10,000,000 bushels, making a total yield of over 70,000,000 bushels in the state.

There is a can of gasoline upon the platform above the well on U. S. Phillips' place, near Newton, was overturned by pigs and the gasoline ran into the well. Next day the well was pumped out and Phillips dropped a match into the ventilator. An explosion followed and Phillips was seriously injured. Mrs. Phillips, who stood further away, was also severely burned.

The colored emancipation day celebrated at Leavenworth wound up with two cutting scrapes. A colored soldier from the fort, named Jones Bass, put in an appearance at the hall where the special police were held and was so insulted that William Hawkins, colored, a special policeman, attempted to eject him. While doing so Bass suddenly drew out a dagger and stabbed Hawkins twice. In the next affray William Bailey, colored, stabbed his sister-in-law, Mrs. Ishams, with a long knife in the left abdomen, inflicting a supposed fatal wound. Bailey was intoxicated at the time.

The July report of the state board of agriculture shows an increased acreage in the three leading crops of the state, wheat, corn and oats. The increase in winter wheat is 6.38 per cent, spring wheat 10.4 per cent, making the average 8.41 per cent. The increased acreage in corn is 7.4, making the average 5,594,897. The oats acreage is 1,612,797, an increase of over 24 per cent. The corn has been greatly injured by drought, especially in the central corn belt and the southern part of the state. The wheat crop in the eastern parts of the state is in first-class condition. Corn is later than usual, and good crop conditions from now on may make a comparatively good crop where almost a total failure is now feared.

All Harper county was recently in an uproar over the alleged abduction of one of the county commissioners and the attempted carrying off of a second member. It was the day on which the board of county commissioners was to meet and levy a tax to cover county railroad bonds to the amount of \$110,300 long overdue, and which it is claimed are fraudulent. The people, through the commissioners, fought the payment of the bonds through every court, and finally the supreme court ordered that they be paid. The story is that Commissioner Farmer was carried off by a body of masked men, while another party attempted to carry off Commissioner Terrill. As a result no levy was made. The bonds were voted a score of years ago, when first the county was organized, to whom railroad company that built a few miles of road, sold the bonds and tore up the line and left the country.

Eighteen insane old veterans were recently taken from the soldiers' home to Washington, D. C., for treatment. It is stated that the number of old veterans who lose their reason at the soldiers' home is very large, and squads of them are taken to the national insane hospital at Washington several times a year.

Secretary Mohler, of the state board of agriculture, has recently received reports from every county in the state, showing that the corn crop is in excellent condition. Heavy rains came just in time to prevent damage by hot winds, and the crop is now believed to be out of danger.

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SECRET MISSION.

Gompers Tells of the Purport of His Trip to Homestead.

A Free Son of Israel Denounces the Anarchist—A Race War in New Jersey—Dan Tucker, a Negro, Stabbed For Getting in the Way.

HOMESTEAD, Pa., Aug. 8.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has been in Homestead on a secret mission. As a result of his mission, the entire strength of the organization will be utilized to help the federation will be asked to contribute money, and especially to be vigilant in the boycotting of Carnegie material and to prevent workmen from going to Homestead.

Mr. Gompers stayed for two hours in Homestead Saturday. He met the advisory committee and was shown the mill. Later he expressed confidence in the men winning and that the heartiest co-operation would be extended.

"Although the steel works is organized through the Amalgamated association into the Federation of Labor, yet I rejoice to say that the cause of the men has excited the sympathy and results in the financial aid of the Knights of Labor and unions not affiliated with either order," he said. "We shall leave nothing undone to bring victory to these gallant workmen."

Sunday has proven uneventful both at Duquesne and here. The men are avoiding the streets and the Carnegies are not introducing new workmen. Chaplain Adams, of the Sixteenth regiment, Pennsylvania guards, today conducted services in the mill. To-day being Billy's birthday, and on Tuesday the Fifth regiment. The Fifteenth and Sixteenth regiments will be left.

The advisory committee last night gave out that a roller received a letter from Manager Potter informing him that if he would return a charge of murder against him he would be withdrawn and he would be given his old position.

The Anarchist Question. New York, Aug. 8.—Julius Harburg, grand marshal of the Independent Order Free Sons of Israel, addressing a meeting of the order here said, among other things:

"In 1889, when the religious crusades in Roumania and imperial Russia took place against the Hebrews, emigration numbering thousands set in towards American shores. With the yearly increase, numbers of anarchists and nihilists, made so through a brutal government, came over with these unfortunate and preached their damnable and pernicious doctrines.

"They had forgotten the essence of the teachings of their fathers, that Judaism is a religion of law and order.

"The dastardly and cowardly attempt of a Russian murderer, dynamiter and anarchist upon the life of the manager of the Carnegie works has shown the effect of the pernicious doctrines that have been inculcated in the aliens who come out of shores without the first conception of the duties of an American citizen and the liberty afforded to every individual under our form of government.

"I am in favor of rigidly enforcing the return of all aliens who are known as nihilists, dynamiters and anarchists. Our flag is broad enough to embrace men of all creeds, colors and nationalities, but when they come here with torch and sword we have no room for them. As we guard our ports against cholera and disease, so we should ward off the approach of moral contagion or political disease."

A Race War. ORANGE, N. J., Aug. 8.—A race war between negroes and Italians broke out here and one man was seriously injured and twenty others injured with clubs, bricks and stones.

The trouble arose through a dispute between a negro and an Italian. The men began to fight in Frank Mattassa's saloon and on being put out continued the fight on the street. The negro was beaten and the Italians came to his rescue and the Italians started in to help their countryman.

The row occurred on South street, which is about a mile long and about half the houses are occupied by Italians and the rest by negroes. About 600 men and women were engaged and a brisk fight took place. Stones, bricks and other missiles flew thick and before the police reserves arrived, twenty persons had been severely injured. The police for some time could make no impression on the crowd. When the combatants were finally separated they quickly dispersed and no arrests were made.

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